



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY REVIEW
COMMITTEE
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET. ROOM 381B**

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

3:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Pedersen, Vice Chair Holoman, Commissioner Andrade, Commissioner Reyes, Commissioner Ollague, Commissioner Choi, Commissioner Escandon, Commissioner Harris, Commissioner Friedman, Commissioner Hatanaka, Commissioner Napolitano, Commissioner Sun and Commissioner Mejia

Absent: Commissioner Martinez, Commissioner Acebo, Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Hollister, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Hoffenblum and Commissioner Tse

1. Call to order and introduction by Chair Pedersen. (11-2326)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pedersen at 3:15 p.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

2. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of May 4, 2011. (11-2219)

On motion of Commissioner Hatanaka, seconded by Chair Pedersen, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - Minutes](#)

II. PRESENTATION

3. Presentation of additional reference layers for City of Los Angeles and State of California elections to be included on redistricting software as requested at the May 4, 2011 Boundary Review Committee meeting. (11-2327)

Martin Zimmerman reported that the additional reference layers proposed at the last Committee meeting on May 4th (statewide races for Attorney General and Insurance Commissioner and specified Los

Angeles City elections) were ready for activation on the website if approved by the Committee.

On motion of Commissioner Choi, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, this item was approved. Mr. Zimmerman noted that the data would be available on the website effective May 19th.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - Additional Reference Layers](#)

III. REPORTS

4. Report on Boundary Review Committee community outreach, including past and future community meetings and public input received to date. (11-2328)

Martin Zimmerman reported there have been four additional community outreach meetings since the last Committee meeting: Rowland Heights, West Hollywood, Hawthorne and Castaic. The West Hollywood Community meeting was well attended with about 30 constituents, most indicating they want their communities kept intact and want to remain in the District they are in. There were also comments at various meetings suggesting that the County's outreach to inform County residents about the community meetings is not aggressive enough. Mr. Zimmerman emphasized that the County heard and understood these comments and would take them into consideration in the County's future public outreach. He noted there was still one more Community meeting to be held the next day in Lancaster.

Commissioner Reyes thought the level of input and perspective received at the West Hollywood community meeting was very helpful, as were the letters submitted at the meeting.

Commissioner Hatanaka attended the Rowland Heights meeting and said the constituents that attended also want to maintain current District boundaries. The constituents that attended were aware that the area is split between two supervisory districts.

Commissioner Ollague noted she has attended all the meetings to date (although she did not plan to attend the Lancaster meeting). She said some of the comments have been on outreach, but acknowledged Mr. Zimmerman and other staff have done a tremendous job on outreach on a large scale with such a limited budget. She noted that input has been very strategic and specific regarding keeping communities intact, especially in unincorporated areas. In addressing the potential reduction of 5th District population, she indicated that commentary at the Rowland Heights and Castaic meetings focused on realignment in the San Gabriel Valley.

One of the comments was "One of the cities within the San Gabriel Valley will have to move." Lastly, when the issue of the June 2nd deadline for submission of redistricting plans was discussed, one constituent suggested extending the deadline.

5. Report on redistricting software status, redistricting website activity, and "Open House" public assistance sessions. (11-2329)

Mr. Zimmerman reported that, as suggested by Commissioner Holoman at a prior Committee meeting, open house sessions where County staff would be available to assist members of the public with use of the redistricting software on the website had been scheduled. One had already been held and a 2nd open house would occur after the Committee's May 18th meeting, with a final session set for June 1, 2011.

Commissioner Holoman asked what specific issues were addressed during the open house sessions. Gerardo Ramirez of the Chief Executive Office stated there were three people who attended the first open house. Most of the questions concerned usage of the tools within the system; feedback from those receiving assistance at the session were very positive. Susan Herman of the Chief Executive Office reported on the website activity, noting that the 10,000 mark has been passed in terms of unique hits. Most of the hits have been through referring sites. Previously, the Boundary Review Committee was the number 1 viewed page on the site but now have dropped to number 8. The pages most viewed are now as follows:

1. Submitted Plans
2. Create Your Own Plan
3. Community Meetings
4. Meeting Schedule
5. Districts and Data Information

There is a growing interest, involvement and engagement in participating in the Redistricting Plan. The day with most visitors has changed from day the website was launched to May 17, 2011, when there were 1,079 hits.

Commissioner Reyes addressed the ability to view shared plans. Mr. Ramirez stated he logs in to the system as a regular viewer and did not have any problems. He indicated he would investigate Commissioner Reyes' issue and report back to the Committee.

6. Report on status of submitted plans. (11-2331)

Mr. Zimmerman reported there have been three plans submitted. A copy of the first plan submitted was distributed at the last meeting. Copies of the two plans submitted since then were provided. He noted the plans are available on the website for viewing including basic analysis indicating what areas would change districts and what the overall deviation is. The information does not include the full analysis that will be provided once the Committee takes the plans under consideration in June. So far, B1, C1 and D1 are now available under submitted plans on the bottom of the Boundary Review Committee section on the website.

Commissioner Reyes commented on the potential for extending the deadline for submittal of plans. He advised that constituents are requesting a two-week extension as they are greatly involved in the State Redistricting. He proposed agendaizing this matter for the next Committee meeting. He suggested that analysis and discussion of plans already submitted could occur simultaneous with submission of additional plans up to mid-June, after which additional plan review Committee meetings could occur.

Commissioner Pedersen stated this will shorten the time available for review by the Committee or submittal to the Board.

Commissioner Holoman added there are a lot of people that are unfamiliar with the process and/or are involved with the State Redistricting process and emphasized the need to extend the time for submittal and/or provide input.

Commissioner Pedersen noted, with Nancy Takade of County Counsel confirming, that the June 2, 2011 deadline applies only to plans submitted by the public. The public may continue to submit general comments past this deadline. Further, this is not the deadline for the Committee to submit a plan. Based upon review and testimony on plans, the Committee can review, amend and develop an entirely new plan. It was also emphasized that the public would have input throughout the process.

Commissioner Pederson further commented that extending the deadline will either condense the time for review of the BRC or the Board of Supervisors, and generally, the Board of Supervisors wants as much time as possible to review the proposed plan.

Commissioner Harris suggested that staff share the implications of the proposed extension at the next meeting, including reference to timeframe and the rate of submittals.

Mr. Zimmerman will report back to the Commission on implications of the proposed extension at the meeting of June 1, 2011.

Alan Clayton, member of the public, was concerned with the inability of members of the public to plan with certainty as to whether or not the deadline will be extended, noting that a decision not to extend the deadline at the June 1 meeting could result in constituents missing the deadline. He also noted that the maps distributed of submitted plans lacked the demographics and other review components. The maps do not allow analysis of whether or not packing and cracking was an issue.

Mr. Zimmerman noted the maps were provided for information only at this point to show the public what plans have been submitted, with minimal analysis. He noted that once the plans are scheduled for a BRC meeting, the public will have the full analysis report well in advance of that meeting.

Commissioner Reyes stated the initially minimal analysis accompanying the plans can be accessed through the Redistricting website.

IV. FUTURE MEETINGS

7. Consideration and approval of dates, times, and/or locations of future Boundary Review Committee meetings. (11-2332)

Mr. Zimmerman provided an overview of the proposed timeline for upcoming Committee meetings in June. Commissioner Reyes questioned if these dates could change if the Committee approves the extension of the plan submission deadline. Nancy Takade stated this item relating to future dates of BRC meetings will be a regular standing item on future Committee agendas, due to the uncertainty of scheduling additional meetings.

After discussion, and on motion of Commissioner Holoman, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, this item was approved.

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V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-2292)

Alan Clayton thanked the staff and the Committee for including the 2010 Primary Election for Attorney General as a reference layer. He suggested consideration of adding additional reference layers at future Committee meetings.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. (11-2293)

Alan Clayton thanked the staff for their courtesy. Staff was knowledgeable and professional at the open house. He is still concerned with packing and cracking with respect to Spanish surnamed residents and Latino CVAP information.

Public Comment on Redistricting Issues

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee regarding Supervisory Redistricting, including identification of communities of interest, important factors to consider and address in determining boundaries, boundary changes desired and not desired, and other relevant issues for the Committee to consider in developing a recommended Supervisory Redistricting Plan. (11-2333)

Alan Clayton reiterated his concern regarding packing and cracking in drawing boundaries, and his desire to add certain additional Primary elections as reference layers.

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of May 18, 2011. (11-2255)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.